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By this time of course you have received many letters/e-mails regarding the Marine Protected Areas. I would like to add a few general thoughts to those comments. These ocean waters need all the protection they can get. To do less is to diminish ourselves. I am most especially interested in the expansion of the Point Lobos State Marine Reserve to include the area of the Carmel Canyon. I have been active as a concerned observer and more recently as a docent at the Reserve and the continued preservation of the immediate habitat as well as inclusion of the Carmel River Canyon to further preserve the uniqueness of our central coast of California. The more protection the better. Not just to protect the species in a preservation sense, but also for the people who make their living from the sea, plus all of us who benefit from what the sea provides.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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